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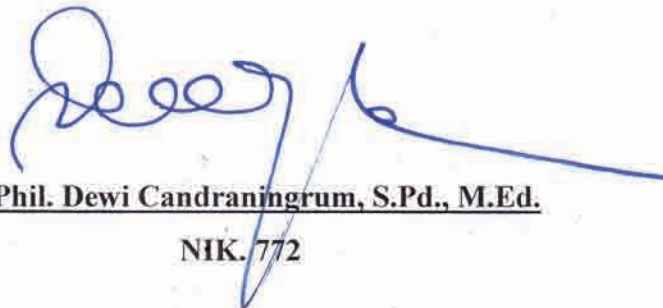
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MOTTO

“ If you are degraded by others, believe they are just jealous of you. Don’t blame him for humiliating you”.

“ Stop underestimate yourself”.

DEDICATION

This research paper is dedicated to:

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Abstrak

Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian tentang The Best of Me oleh Nicholas Sparks yang dilihat dari perspektif sosiologi. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah untuk menemukan dan menjelaskan perjuangan Dawson sebagai karakter utama dan mengungkapkan makna yang signifikan dari perjuangan Dawson.

Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian kualitatif yang menerapkan metode analisis isi. Objek dari penelitian ini adalah sebuah novel yang berjudul The Best of Me yang ditulis Nicholas Sparks pada tahun 2011 dan datanya adalah kalimat-kalimat yang berkaitan dengan perjuangan Dawson yang ditemukan didalam novel. Analisis data dilakukan dengan mengelompokkan dan mengkatagorikan data untuk menemukan kesimpulan. Untuk mendapat reabilitas, penulis membaca dan membaca ulang novel dengan hati hati sehingga dapat memasukkan data berdasarkan teori.

Hasil dari penelitian ini menunjukan tiga poin yang menyebabkan perpecahan keluarga, poin pertama tentang pendidikan, point kedua komunikasi dan poin ketiga pertengkaran keluarga. Digambarkan juga perjuangan Dawson dalam mempertahankan dirinya untuk menerima siksaan dari keluarganya tanpa bantuan orang lain dan berhasil melarikan diri dari rumahnya.

Kata kunci : Keluarga, Sosiologi, Perpecahan.

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Abstract

This research is a study of Sparks’s *The best of Me* viewed from sociological perspective. The objectives of the research are to find out and explain the struggle of Dawson as the main character to reveal the significant meaning of Dawson’s struggle.

This research is a qualitative study applying content analysis method. The object of this research is a novel entitled *The Best of Me* written by Nicholas Sparks in 2011 and the data are sentences related to Dawson’s struggle found in this novel. The data analysis was conducted by classifying and categorizing the data to find the inference. In order to gain reliability, the researcher read and reread the novel carefully and then recorded the data into a systematic framework based on the sociological theory.

The result of this research indicates three points which causes family disintegration; The First point is education; second point is communication; and the third point is family quarrel. It is depicted by the Dawson’s struggle in defending himself to accept the torture of his family without help from others and manage to escape from his home.

Keywords: Family, Sociology, Disintegration.

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